The Clarion Call
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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From the Department Commander

Greetings Brothers,
Memorial Day was a beautiful day and the department had a very good showing at Bourne National Cemetery the Sunday before Memorial Day. We had ten Brothers attending plus a couple of SVR members from New Hampshire. Bourne is the only national cemetery in New England. It was gratifying to see our SVR Brothers leading the march to the new stage. See the photos throughout this edition. Two of our Brothers had never been to the cemetery before and were very impressed. I took a drive through the cemetery before departing and it truly is magnificent and a most suitable resting place for our bravest heroes.
Early reports show that most camps continued or renewed their traditional observances for the day. I would like to focus now on one of our smaller camps. General Darius Couch Camp 26 has only 5 members currently but recruit as the opportunity arises. Camp 26 works with local organizations in Taunton to flag graves and record monuments in local cemeteries and has renewed contacts with local ROTC programs. Camp 26 provided an extensive list of activities to be put into the record at the department encampment in April. I performed the installation of officers and the room was set up exactly has prescribed in our rituals manual. Brother Van Jabagjorian attended the Lincoln Breakfast and

attended the ceremonies at Bourne for the first time. Commander Michael Rice will be attending a grave dedication at the newly rehabilitated GAR lot in Oak Grove Cemetery in Falmouth on June 10. In discussions with the organizers I had hoped to have the department perform the full dedication ceremony with an honor guard but the date conflicts with the celebration of life of our late Brother Conley Ford. Commander Rice will set up a chair with a kepi and greatcoat and recite “The Vacant Chair” instead. The head of the committee is very excited to have the successors to the GAR participate. So, Camp 26 has committed to publicly supporting our mission to remember the boys in blue. It shows that mighty things can come from small packages. Every camp needs to take advantage of opportunities like these.

The National Encampment is August 3 through 6 in Nashua, New Hampshire. The department has 8 delegate slots. Any Brother in good standing can be an alternate. With the encampment nearby we ought to be able to put in a good showing. Two Brothers are standing for election, Rod Fraser to the Council of Administration and Kevin Tucker for Junior-Vice Commander in Chief. Both of these Brothers are extremely qualified and have proven themselves to be exemplary assets as Brothers of the order. Let’s show our support. All the forms for registering can be found in the latest issue of The Banner and on line. The outing on Friday will be a harbor tour of Portsmouth, NH or a tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum. Attendance for the shipyard museum tour is limited.

The recent survey on the status of our annual encampment did not get as many responses as we had hoped but indicates that Brothers see a need for changes to make the encampment more enjoyable and to promote fraternal relations more fully. If you have any ideas along those lined do not hesitate to contact Rod Fraser your editor and chair of the encampment site committee.

Activity will slow during the summer months still be vigilant for opportunities to promote our order; a word or two here or there might spark an interest in someone who will bring interest and enthusiasm that will benefit all.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

John Dupré

Encampment Report

Brothers, our Annual Encampment was held 21 and 22 April at Camp Grotonwood. Attendance was poor and the tables below show who attended and which camps were not represented. Camps 15, 26, 50, 61, 132 and 3188 had zero Brothers attend.

At Encampment, we choose our officers for the upcoming year and we set the budget for the year. Both of these processes are better served by large participation from the Camps.
Each camp gets a number of voting delegates based on the size of the camp. Additionally, sitting Camp Commanders and past Camp Commanders get to vote by virtue of their position and do not count against the Camp delegate count.
Only Camp 5 and Camp 104 had voting delegates present.
Do you have a project that needs funding? Without representation at Encampment the other Brothers do not know what you may need and you could be missing out. Have a good idea for the Department? You need to come to Encampment and share it with your Brothers.
The Department Elected Officers encourage you all to attend the 2024 Encampment to participate and join your fellow Brothers in comraderie and fellowship.

Camp	No of member	One del	No Of Delegates by membership	Total Delegates allowed	Total Delegates present	Total voting strength present
Camp 5	18	1	2	3	3	**3**
Camp 22	13	1	1	2	0	**2**
Camp 15	28	1	3	4	0	**0**
Camp 25	28	1	3	4	0	**3**
Camp 26	5	1	1	2	0	**0**
Camp 50	13	1	1	2	0	**0**
Camp 54	10	1	1	2	0	**1**
Camp 61	10	1	1	2	0	**0**
Camp 104	19	1	2	3	2	**6**
Camp 132	12	1	1	2	0	**0**
Camp 3188	12	1	1	2	0	**0**
Total Present						**15**

Camp 5	Camp 22	Camp 25	Camp 54	Camp 104
Paul Smith	Dexter Bishop	Edward Norris	Roderick Fraser	Mike Terry
Albert Smith	Charles Lewis	John Dupre		Dan Murray
Richard Cultrera		Matthew Sargent		Kevin Tucker
				William Naughton
				Richard Nichols
				John Wilder

Memorial Day Ceremony at Bourne National Cemetery

Sunday May 28th was the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery in Bourne and as always, the SUVCW led the procession into the Cemetery. Department commander John Dupre Layed a wreath along with the leaders of many Veteran Groups. Commander also read CinC John Logan's General order No. 11 extablishing Decoration Day, which later became memorial Day.

After the official ceremony, the Brothers present conducted a remembrance ceremony for the 7 unknown Massachusetts soldiers buried in the Cemetery. Six of the unknown soldiers of the 1st Mass Infantry buried there were killed 18 July 1861 during a skirmish known as Blackburn's Ford. Killed days before the first battle of Manassas — a Confederate victory in July 1861 that surprised President Lincoln — their graves were unmarked and undiscovered until the early 1990s, when relic hunters came across bones on a site slated for the construction of a McDonald's restaurant in Centreville, Va.

One other unknown Civil War veteran is interred at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, his remains were discovered in South Carolina.

Read more about the battle at Blackburn's Ford here:
https://www.nps.gov/mana/learn/historyculture/the-skirmish-at-blackburns-ford.htm

SUVCW

Col. Robert Gould
Shaw Camp # 54
SUVCW

Brother Charles Lewis Does Double Duty

Brother Charles Lewis, Camp 22 Commander, serves in a Memorial Day Honor Guard at a ceremony at the soldiers Home in Chelsea along with participating as a flag bearer during the ceremony in Bourne.

Camp 50 Honors Brother Samuel L. Snell at Memorial Day Ceremony

General George L. Hartsuff Camp 50 picks a member of GAR Post 74 every year to honor on Memorial Day. This year, they chose Private Samuel L. Snell, 4th Mass Cavalry, who was a member of Hartsuff Post 74 GAR Rockland.
Camp 50 Commander Paul Brundige read the Memorial services, attended by members of Camp 50 members Rod Lundin, Dennis Moloney , Jim Paul, Ben Rich and Michael Braccia and members of the 22nd Mass V.I. with Commander Mike Reimer.

L.A. Tifft Camp 15 Memorial Day Ceremony at Springfield Cemetery - May 27

New Department Acquisitions

At our annual encampment, we voted to purchase some new items for the Department to help us be better recognized in the community when we are doing work and participating in events.

- Magnetic signage for an automobile for parades!
- Electronic bugle for playing "Taps" at ceremonies!
- Department of Massachusetts parade banner!

Both the parade banner and car magnetic sign have the department website and a QR code that will take you directly to our website when scanned by a cell phone. Contact Kevin Tucker, PDC if you would like to use them for your Camp or SVR unit activities.
LETS GET ACTIVE!

Register Now for National Encampment!

The Department of New Hampshire is proud to host the 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders. August 3-6, 2023, Nashua, New Hampshire at the Courtyard by Marriott 2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH. 03063. The room rate will be $129.00 per night plus tax.
To reserve by phone the hotel has to be called on a direct line. The number is 603-880-9100 and the rate is under "Allied Orders."

This is a great opportunity to attend a National Encampment close to home. The forms needed to register and attend the SVR Breakfast and Saturday night Banquet are below. The SVR breakfast and the Banquet is open to all Brothers of the order and your family.

All forms and information is available at:

https://suvcw.org/2023-national-encampment

2023 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:_____

STREET_____

CITY/STATE/ZIP_____

E-MAIL_____

DEPARTMENT _____ CAMP #_____

Current/Highest Past Office (Check One Only!)

☐ CinC ☐ PCinC ☐ Dept Cmdr
☐ Past Dept Cmdr ☐ Delegate ☐ Alternate
☐ National Elected Officer (if no honors listed above)

☐ If under 18 years old, check must be by parent/guardian

Complete with check or money order (no cash) for $10.00 made out to National Organization, SUVCW and mail to:

Daryl VerStreate
4300 Covell Street
Clyde, NY 14433

This form does NOT replace a completed Credentials Card, which is required to complete your registration at the Encampment. You will not be able to register at the Encampment without a completed Credentials Card from your Department Secretary.

Pre-registration will be acknowledged by e-mail only and not individually. Questions**?**
suvcw_credentials@outlook.com

Pre-Registration deadline is 15 July 2023

2023
NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT

ALLIED ORDERS
OF THE G.A.R
Nashua, NH

2023 National Encampment of the
Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
August 5, 2023
Allied Orders Banquet Reservation Form

Banquet will be held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Seating is limited.
All Reservations must be received no later than July 21, 2023

Entrée Choices:

Entrée 1 – Chicken Piccata
Entrée 2 – Herb Grilled Pork Chop with a Fig Port Reduction

All entrées served with:
Artisan field greens salad with a Sienna vinegarette
Fresh baked rolls and whipped butter
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot and Iced Teas

Dessert – Tiramisù Tulip

Reserve ___ Chicken Piccata entrée(s) at **$42.00** per person. Total $ 0 _____

Reserve ___ Grilled Pork Chop entrée(s) at **$46.00** per person. Total $ 0 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Send checks, payable to **Dept of NH, SUVCW**, to:

Daniel Murray
40 Lake Road
Brentwood, NH 03833-6206

2023 National Encampment

SVR Breakfast

Registration Form

Saturday 5August 2023

Name_____

Street_____

City/State/Zip_____

SVR Unit or Camp_____

Number of seats required_____ X $27.00 per person

Amount enclosed$ 0_____

Reservations and Payment MUST be received by 15 JULY 2023

BUFFET Serving of eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, bread, coffee, tea,juice, pastries

NO AT THE DOOR SALES

Make Check payable to TAG-SVR

Return this form and payment to

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Darby

Deputy Commander, SVR

1382 Western Ave.

Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

New Camp Being Formed in Fall River!

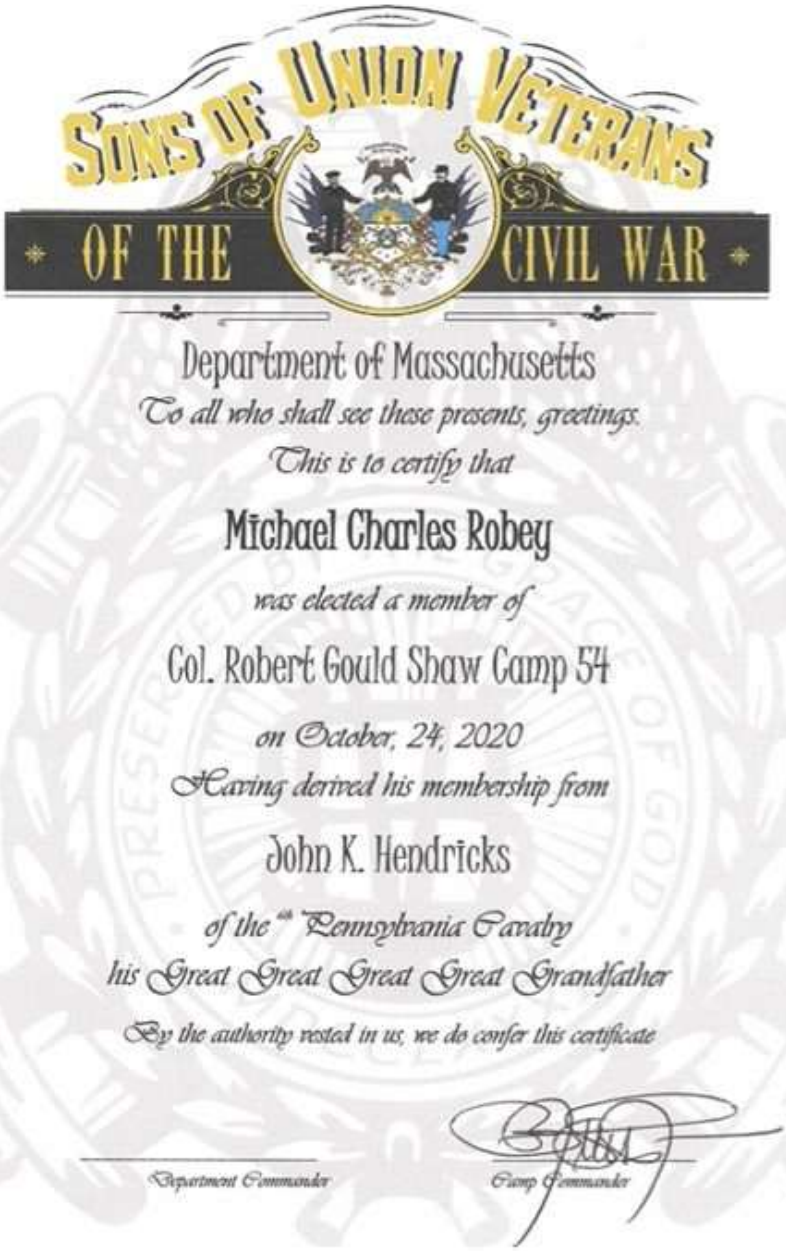
Brother Denny Cosmo of the Department of Rhode Island is organizing a camp in Fall River. Brother Denny works at Bristol Community College as the Director of the Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center.
The Richard Borden Camp 90, SUVCW existed in Fall river for many years and was disbanded. Brother Denny is looking for people interested in joining a Fall river Camp. Please help spread the word.
Brother Denny can be contacted at **Denny.Cosmo@bristolcc.edu**

We Now have Department Membership Certificates!

The Department has designed a membership certificate (see scan below).
To obtain a certificate for your camp members, you need to submit:

1. The Brothers full name as you want it to appear on the certificate
2. Camp Name
3. Date of membership
4. Qualifying Ancestors Name
5. Ancestors Regiment
6. Association/relation

Send the request to Brother Fraser at suvcwclarioncall@gmail.com
There is no cost for the certificate.


SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR
Department of Massachusetts
To all who shall see these presents, greetings.
This is to certify that
Michael Charles Robey
was elected a member of
Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54
on October, 24, 2020
Having derived his membership from
John K. Hendricks
of the 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry
his Great Great Great Great Grandfather
By the authority vested in us, we do confer this certificate
Department Commander
Camp Commander

The Archives Needs Your Help!

The Department Archives is looking to complete our collection of records in order to provide full resources to researchers. We are looking for the following volumes. If you have one or more of these and would like to donate them to the Department Archives, please contact Dept. Historian Peter Preble (rev.peter.preble@gmail.com or Dept. JVC John Wilder (jwwt2000@hotmail.com).

We are looking for the following volumes of annual proceedings:

SUVCW National: 1914-1917, 1982, 1987, 1990-1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009-

SUVCW Massachusetts: 1988-2011, 2014, 2017-

GAR National: 1878-1881, 1883-1885, 1887, 1888, 1892-1894, 1896, 1899-1913, 1915-1932, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1943, 1947, 1950-

GAR Massachusetts: 1882-1887, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1896, 1901, 1905, 1907, 1948-

We are also looking for issues of "The Banner" pre-1908 as well as the following volumes:

"Massachusetts in the Army & Navy During the War of 1861-1865" volume 2

"Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, & Marines in the Civil War" volumes 1 and 3

Annual Reports of the Massachusetts Adjutant General, full set of war years 1861-1866

As always we are happy to accept any related records or publications to add to our collection, thank you!

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